

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Start Time	Finish Time
Feb 1	Coffee morning and Stork Sale	Trinity	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Feb 4	First Tuesday Ladies' meeting	59 CrosslandsPark	7:30 p.m.	
Feb 5	COG meeting	Datton Market Street	7:00 p.m.	
Feb 6	United Area meeting	Millom	7:00 p.m.	
Feb 8	Methodist District "Going for Growth" day	Penrith	10:00 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Feb 9	Faith Tea and United Area service	Trinity	5:00 p.m.	
Feb 10	Service	Station View	2:00 p.m.	
Feb 11	WDP coffee, prayer and fellowship	Trinity	10:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Feb 12	Midweek service	Kirkby	10:30 a.m.	
Feb 14	Pie and peas / Holy Beetle	Millom	6:30 p.m.	
Feb 15	An evening of Bs	Datton Market Street	5:45 p.m.	
Feb 16	Reflections evening	Vickerstown	8:00 p.m.	
Feb 18	Coffee morning with pancakes	Broughton	10:00 a.m.	
Feb 19	CAMEO	Ramsden Street	7:00 p.m.	
Feb 19	Christian Women's Fellowship	Datton Market Street	7:30 p.m.	
Feb 21	Pie and peas / Quiz	Trinity	6:00 p.m.	
Feb 22	Coffee morning	Vickerstown	10:00 a.m.	
Feb 22	Discovery Church at the Hub	Hartington Street	3:00 p.m.	
Feb 23	Millom messy church	Millom	3:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Feb 24	Start of Fairtrade Fortnight			
Feb 24 - 26	Flashbacks	Ramsden Street		
Feb 25	Coffee and Company	Kirkby	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Feb 27	Coffee morning	Bacon Hill	10:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Feb 28	Area Trustees meeting	Venue TBC	7:15 p.m.	



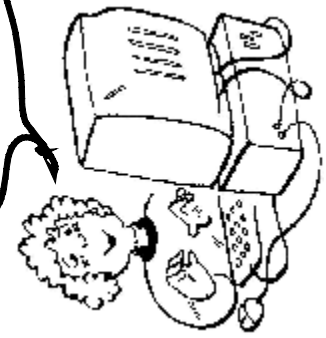
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SOUTH WEST CUMBRIA UNITED AREA

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The Minister Writes



I'm not a great film buff but Graham and I do occasionally go to the cinema to watch a film. We were all set to go over the New Year holiday to see the newly released *Hobbit film, The Desolation of Smaug*, until we realised that it was the second part of a trilogy and we hadn't seen the first! So, to compensate, we bought a DVD of the first part, *The Hobbit- An Unexpected Journey* and enjoyed watching it at home. The main thrust of the story is that the unassuming hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, joins in a quest with 13 dwarves and the wizard, Gandalf,

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to reclaim the dwarves' lost homeland from a fearsome dragon. On his journey through Middle Earth, Bilbo discovers 'depths of ingenuity and courage that surprise even himself' (so the film's publicity says).

It started me thinking about whether I had ever been on a journey which helped me discover new and/or surprising things about myself. The closest thing I could think of was when I was training for the ministry in Manchester when I quite often felt bombarded with new ideas which required me to assess, and re-assess, aspects of my faith, lifestyle and world view. Over the four years of training I did find out new things about myself. We often talk about Lent being a journey - an inner, spiritual journey, a season of reflection and preparation before the joyful celebration of Easter. But will it be for us an unexpected journey? Most of us have lived through

a great many Lents - have we become so familiar with it that nothing surprises us or we find nothing new in it? Do we ever expect the unexpected on our journeying? I hope that once Lent starts at the end of this month, you find it to be the most unexpected journey to Easter you have ever had, that God will surprise you over and over again, and that you will discover new depths of prayer and faith within yourself. Blessings,

Anne

From The United Area Trustees

Please have a think before the February United Area meeting if you could offer yourself or nominate someone else to take on the role of United Area trustee from September 2014. Hazel Edmondson, Anne Stevenson and Margaret Manvell will all finish their term of office then.

The United Area will also be requiring a new Treasurer in September 2015 when Bob Mantle's term of office is complete. A brief outline of the duties is:

- Maintain the finances of the United Area and present the Accounts for Audit.
- In conjunction with the Trustees produce a Budget for the following year and present to the Area meeting.
- Present a financial statement to the Area meeting.
- Ideally the Treasurer will be a member of the Trustees but this is not essential.

If you would like to volunteer to be considered for these posts contact Lilian Woods, the Secretary of the United Area.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL WEBSITES

District: www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk

North West Synod: www.nwsynod.org.uk

Connexional: www.methodist.org.uk

National: www.unc.org.uk

March issue No 89 of *NewsLink* will be published at the end of February. Please send all material to reach Mrs Hazel Edmondson, 22 Tweed Rise, Barrow, LA14 3LX by Sunday February 2nd. Items can also be passed on by ☎ **01229 474601** or ✉ edmo@twtw.freemove.co.uk

Regular Sunday Services

You are welcome at any of these churches at the following times:

Askam	(Duddon Road) 9:30 am
Beacon Hill	(Holyoake Avenue, Barrow) 10:00 am & 4:00pm
Broughton	(Princes Street) 9:30 am
Dalton Methodist	(Wellington Street) 10:30 am
Dalton URC	(Market Street) 10:30 am
Hartington Street Kirkby	Barrow 10:30 am (Marshside) 10:30 am (on 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays) (6pm on 2nd Sunday) (St Cuthberts 10 am on 5th Sunday in any month)
Millom	(Queen Street) 11:00 am
Ramsden Street	Barrow 1:00 am (except 1st Sunday, 10:30am)
Roose	(North Row, Barrow) 11:00 am
Trinity Church Centre	(Warwick Street, Barrow) 10:30 am & 4:00pm
Urswick	(Tarn Close) 10:45 am (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)
Vickerstown	(Warren Street) 11:00 am

For times of the evening services, special services and postcodes, please ask one of the church members, or look at our website:

www.swcumbriaunitedarea.unc.org.uk

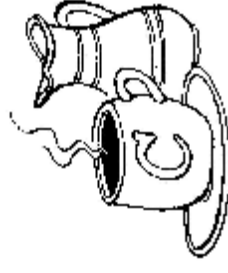
Regular Coffee Mornings

Please note that coffee mornings are held every week as follows:

Broughton -	Tuesdays from	10:00 till 11:30
Roose -	Thursdays from	9:30 till 10:45
Millom -	Fridays from	9:30 till 10:30
Ramsden St. -	Fridays from	10:30 till 12:00

Dalton - Tea and Chat every Monday at Wellington Street from 10:00 to 11:30
Hartington St - Tuesdays Care & Share Fellowship & Knit & Natter from 10:00 to 11:30

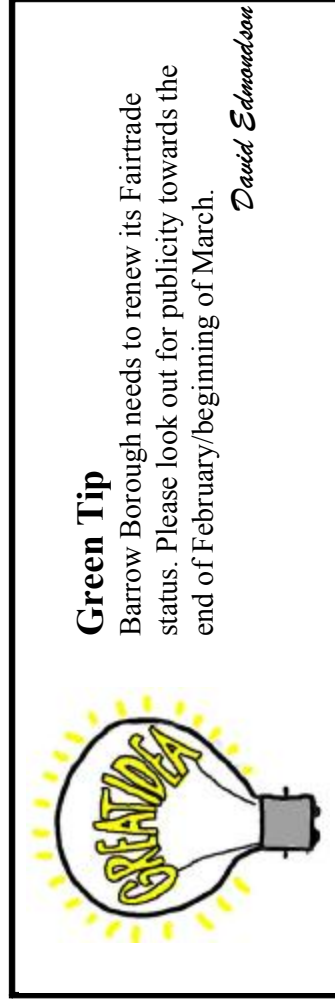
On the last Tuesday of each month Kirkby have "Coffee and Company" from 9:45 till 11:30.



Vickerstown

We held a single session of our holiday club on the morning of 23rd December. 14 children aged 4 to 10 attended to look at the Christmas story from the point of view of various different characters, play Christmas-themed games and make Christmas cards and marshmallow snowmen with chocolate-button hats and icing buttons (thanks to Hartington St for sharing the idea and the icing!). The parachute came out again as well. To help them focus on the stories (Mary, Joseph, Shepherds and Wise Men) the children were asked before the story was told which words they would expect to be in that account. These were written on a flipchart and the children were invited to listen carefully and put their hands up when they heard one of their words. They did very well! Since the Holiday Clubs began at Vickerstown in summer 2012 they have involved a total of 38 children from 26 different local families, many with no other connection to the church, over 10 sessions. Some may only have been once but two have been to every session! The “profit” from our “Food and Fellowship” meetings was enough to enable us to buy 2 more solar cookers for refugee families in Chad, making a total of 5 during the year. Gifts in lieu of cards gave us a record £213 to spend during the Christmas morning service from the Methodist Relief and Development Fund catalogue of virtual gifts – if you’re ever at Vickerstown, do have a look at the updated Eco-congregation notice board for details of both these projects. Our regular monthly coffee morning will be from 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22nd – an excellent opportunity to stock up on Fairtrade goods before Fairtrade fortnight starts on the 24th.

Hazel Edmondson



Green Tip

Barrow Borough needs to renew its Fairtrade status. Please look out for publicity towards the end of February/beginning of March.

David Edmondson

Methodist District “Going For Growth” Day

Do look out for the posters and fliers in your church for this day, on the theme of “The Generation Game”. It will be at Penrith Methodist Church on Saturday, February 8th from 10:00 to 3:30, with tea/coffee from 9:30. Please bring your own lunch; drinks will be provided. There will also be refreshments to send you on your way from 3:30. The guest speakers are:

Revd. Ruth Gee is President of The Methodist Conference 2013-2014, Chair of the Darlington Methodist District and represents the church on Churches Together in England, the Free Churches Group and the Joint Implementation Commission, which supports the Anglican Methodist Covenant. She is passionate about sharing the Gospel and enabling people to grow in their discipleship.

Captain Chris Harrington was brought up on a diet of Beatles and Monkees, the cardboard guitars of his childhood eventually became a reality. He is now helping to lead Churches in Lincolnshire in worship and outreach as a Church Army Evangelist.

Rev Graham Horsley is a Methodist Minister with a passion for evangelism and for imagining the sort of church that people who don’t go to church might attend. He currently spends half his time as minister of North Camp and half as the project leader of ‘Living in Three Dimensions’. He began L3D because all the new forms of church seemed to be aiming at young people and there are lots of baby boomers (born 1939-1945) who have a lively faith but will not attend churches (however good they are). L3D seeks to model new forms of church and support others as they explore doing similar.

For further information, email: caroline.thornborrow70@gmail.com

Bibleworld

The United Area have applied for a district grant to help bring the “Bibleworld” project to Barrow for a week. The project is based in a large articulated lorry which opens out to form display areas, and is run by the schools education department of the Scottish Bible Society. The aim is to bring the Bible to life for children and young people. For teachers, it helps to meet the requirements of the Curriculum for Excellence in creative and dynamic ways. For children, the aim is that they should have a lot of fun as they discover real life heroes and heroines whose stories can help us today. We need somewhere (probably in Barrow) to park the lorry (with plenty of space for the various display areas which open out from it): we have an idea or two but please do make suggestions. It will be arriving on Monday 16th June, and leaving on Friday 20th June: please note the dates now. If you want to know more about the project, go to www.bibleworld.co.uk

David Edmondson

Visit Of President Of Conference

As you may have seen from the new plan, the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Ruth Gee, will be in the United Area to lead the United Area service at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9th. This will be at Trinity Church Centre and will be preceded by a faith tea at 5:00.

Flashbacks...to Times With Jesus

This exciting event for year 4 children from Barrow schools is going to run again at Ramsden Street URC over 24-26th February 2014. The sessions will be Monday 24th Feb morning (Sacred Heart School, 30 children); Monday 24th Feb afternoon (Greengate School, 28 children); Tuesday 25th Feb morning (St George's School, 27 children); Tuesday 25th Feb afternoon (Greengate School, 28 children); and Wednesday 26th Feb morning (Roose School, 21 children). For a morning session helpers need to arrive by 9 am and for an afternoon session by 12:30pm. It is always great fun to work with the 8 and 9 year old children who come. If you have never been a helper at Flashbacks before we would love to welcome you onto our team (where you would work with someone else who knows what to do!) If you would think you can help at any one of these sessions, please get in touch with Iva Cole, Ann Hufton, Jean Helm, Kate Hughes, Joan Linney or Hilary Mantle.

Ann Hufton

Cameo And Reflections

The February CAMEO meeting will be on Wednesday 19th February; the theme of our discussion has yet to be decided. We meet at Ramsden Street at 7:00 p.m. It would be good to see others join us to take a look at contemporary issues through the light of our faith.

The "Reflections" evenings on the third Sunday of the month (February 16th) at Vickerstown will be on the theme will be 23rd Psalm. The church will be open from 8 pm until at least 9 pm, and (as always) refreshments will be available in the church porch.

David Edmondson

First Tuesday Ladies

We meet monthly at Elaine Pears' house, 59 Croslands Park, to study the Bible and enjoy a time of prayer and fellowship. The dates for the coming months are 4th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June and 8th July. All meetings begin at 7:30pm.

Janet Ladds

Millom

We have offered our congratulations to Rachel and Stephen on the birth of David, and he has already been part of the congregation here.

The Craft Group held their Christmas Party at Cambridge House on 16th December. The Girls Brigade party was at Queen Street on the 18th and the Church party was on the 27th December. All these events were well attended and enjoyed by all the participants. I am pleased to report that both the Carol Service on the 22nd and the Christmas Day service had a congregation of 39 and we sang a lot of favourite carols. Several of our young people are very talented musicians and they played before and during the services. Thanks to Ella, Simone, Katie and Tess. We also had 2 lovely soloists Tess and Emily. By the time you read this, we will have had our visit to the Palladium to see Cinderella on 15th January. This is an annual treat for the Girls Brigade and helpers made possible this year as Tesco allowed the girls to pack bags one evening and the donations received will cover the cost of the tickets. Messy Church will take place on Sunday 26th January from 3:30 to 5pm. The subject this month is Hannah's promise to God. Forthcoming event: We will be having a Pie and Peas Supper and Holy Beetle on Valentines Day 14th February at 6:30pm.

We wish all the readers a happy, healthy and blessed New Year.

Margaret Riley

Broughton

Shrove Tuesday is on March 4th however we will be celebrating pancakes early, on 18th February as it is half term. We will be serving delicious fillings to go with our pancakes. Also at 11:00 a.m. there will be a pancake race - all ages welcome. Other activities will be available. Please come and bring your own children, grandchildren or whoever! We have a great fun time - do come and join us.

The outpouring of love at Nelson Mandela's funeral prompted me to write this message:

Our churches may be almost empty on a Sunday but like Nelson Mandela, John Wesley and Jesus we shouldn't be tied down by the walls of our buildings. Jesus and the others showed their love and care through meeting people where they were and supplying their needs. Let us therefore follow their example and stop being pressured by cold churches and the upkeep of our buildings. God knows our needs before we do and will provide, while we follow Jesus in spreading his love to the lost.

Beryl Fallowell

An Evening of Bs: Come for an evening brimful of Bs at Dalton Market Street on Saturday February 15th. Family fun including Bingo, Boggle and B listers. Come for 5:45pm to be ready to eat at 6pm - Baked potatoes (with various fillings) and Biscuits!

For catering purposes, please let us know if you intend to come (tel Ann on 812439). No fixed charge, but donations towards the United Area's community project for Christian Aid in Afghanistan would be appreciated.

Programme for Thursday Club:

- February 6:** Table games and jigsaws
- February 13:** Life in bygone times: Hobbies and Leisure
- February 20:** Film at the Newton Pub (£1)
- February 27:** Chapel Street School Choir

AunFayton

Ramsden Street

We enjoyed many events during the Christmas period - including a visit from the Greengate Junior School choir (Greengate Voice) to our coffee morning on December 13th and our Carol Service and tea on Sunday December 22nd. We were pleased to be able to donate our offering of £100 to Christian Aid along with groceries to the Furness Homeless Support Group and Food Bank. This year we all decided not to send Christmas Cards to each other but, instead, make a donation to Harrison's Fun Fund which amounted to £100.

Our next Church lunch will be on Wednesday February 5th.

We are looking forward to hosting Flashbacks once again on February 24th, 25th & 26th.

Anne Stevenson

Community Outreach Group:

Please try to ensure that your church is represented at the next meeting of the Community Outreach Group, which will be at Dalton Market St at 6:45 for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th. The agenda for the meeting will be:

Welcome/Devotions/Apologies

Minutes of the last meeting (26-09-13) and Matters arising

Notice of any other business

Treasurer's report + request for funding

Review: "Acts Now" - Share Jesus International - October 2013

"Encircled in Care: Prayer in pastoral visiting" - Autumn 2013

Tony Vino evening - 02-11-13

Updates: Fairtrade: Barrow Fairtrade Town renewal

Environmental Issues/Recycling

Credit Union/Food Banks - Barrow and Millom

Hartington St: Family worker

You, Me and Afternoon Tea

Future events: Abbot Hall Weekend - June 6-8 2014

COG coffee morning - 14-06-14

Bibleworld - June 16-20 2014

COG Slog 2014

Area Camp 2014

Invitation to Alison Adam: Autumn 2014?

Next venture with Age UK?

Any other ideas

New secretary needed; review of chairmanship

Any other business (as notified at start of meeting)

Date/venue for next meeting: Tuesday, 10-06-14 at Dalton URC at 6:45 for 7:00 p.m.

Hazel Edmondson

Women's World Day Of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer - Coffee, Prayer and Fellowship will be held on Tuesday 11th February from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. at Trinity. The Service itself takes place on Friday 7th March at the Baptist Church Abbey Road and will be a joint service with Dalton and District Churches. This Year the speaker will be Mrs

Kathleen Skinner - National President - so it is hoped as many people as possible - ladies and men - will make the effort to attend. It isn't often we have a member of the National Committee as our speaker let alone the President!

The service begins at 2:00 p.m.

Margaret Maxwell

Cumbria Remembers The First World War

It may be relevant for your church to be aware of the following project:

“As the centenary of the beginning of the First World War approaches, Mrs Claire Hensman, Her Majesty’s Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Cumbria, has announced a project to commemorate the war in which 720,000 British soldiers died. The project, called ‘Memorial’, is aimed at primary schools, but it is hoped that many other groups will also take part. A Resource Pack has been produced, available from mid-November 2013.

‘Memorial’ encourages schools to seek out their local war memorial and find out more about the people named on it. Do descendants still live in the local community? Have memories about their lives and the tragedy of their death been handed down from generation to generation? War memorials come in all shapes and sizes from crosses on a village green to memorial halls and stained glass windows in churches. They can be found in town squares, factories, and railway stations - even on the summit of Great Gable.

The Resource Pack provides ideas and guidance and encourages groups to explore sources of information on-line and at libraries and archive centres throughout Cumbria. The project is supported by the Lieutenancy, by Cumbria County History Trust (CCHT) and by the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society (CWAAS). Groups will be encouraged to arrange local exhibitions and to display material on the CCHT website. Participating schools will also be invited to display their projects at the Rheged Centre, near Penrith, at an exhibition in the summer of 2014. For further information please contact: Memorial@cumbria.gov.uk”

‘Perceived God’: Book Review Of ‘The Shack’

written by William P Young

My daughter bought me this book for Christmas. Without giving too much away, it is the story of a man’s perceived ideas of God. He has an encounter with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The dialogue is incredible; I found myself nodding, and going ‘ah, yes’. For me, it explained a lot of questions going round in my own head. It is a wonderful book and I recommend it as a challenging read. Like the character of the book, I was uplifted and received a great depth of understanding.

Ray Sharp

Dalton

Another fine day in Dalton: To borrow and amend a saying from Laurel and Hardy Sunday December 22nd was indeed another fine day in Dalton. I’m not referring to the weather although I think by recent standards it wasn’t bad. I am referring to the various activities that we shared together as Dalton Community Church.

We started in the morning with a good old fashioned Nativity where we were joined by our Cubs and Beavers and their leaders. The service contained a sketch ‘Who is Christmas for’ and, as is usual, the cast was decimated and late substitutes were drafted in. The whole service was very enjoyable enhanced by the exuberant youngsters.

After a short time at home the next event was our (now annual) community meal. K and E caterers provided their excellent pies for 40 people. This included several children and over 10 of the eaters were non Church members. This was very welcome and again demonstrated our commitment to Outreach as no charge was made.

We concluded our day with our Carol service where we sung Carols from our newly purchased ‘Singing the Faith’ interspersed with some Bible readings and some other pieces of prose.

We retired to our beds somewhat exhausted but very happy.

Dalton Community Church will be hosting an evening with Robert Wheatley the well known local expert on Antiques on Friday April 25th at 7:30pm. There will be more information closer to the event but this is a call to put this date in your diaries.

Bob Mantle

Despite the rain, several events in the run up to Christmas raised money for Christian Aid. Our coffee and carols on the 22nd raised £110 and Christian Women’s Fellowship donated £100. Thanks to all who supported this event.

The Bible Society Action Group have organised a coffee morning at the Coronation Hall Ulverston on Thursday 6th March 2014. Any donation of cakes, books, raffle prizes or help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

R Willock

Christian Women’s Fellowship: The CWF’s first meeting for 2014 will be on February 19th at 7:30 pm. The speaker for the evening will be the Rev Ann Hufton. All welcome.

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worship team with “an old travelling treasure chest as a prop” invited each person to reflect on the fact that the wise men brought their treasure to the new born King and using Luke 12. 34 as the text (For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also) challenged us all to renew our commitment to Christ for the coming year.

Charlie Mills

The February service at Station View will be at 2:00 on Monday, February 10th.

Kirkby-in- Furness

At our Spring Church Council last year we decided that the subject of Outreach warranted more time than available that meeting and consequently met with Rachel over coffee one morning. It was a very lively meeting with lots of ideas, but given the size of the membership we decided to be very practical and take on only what we thought was really feasible. We also agreed to continue our policy of charitable giving where appropriate.

Our Café-style Harvest Service with a shared “LOAF” meal was very successful and friends from other churches in the village who came for the service only expressed a wish that we repeat it next year so they could come to the meal as well.

Our Open Church Policy made possible by the automatic door lock, means that we have become the contribution centre for the Food Bank for the whole village, necessitating often more than one trip a month to take the donations to Barrow. We supported both the appeal following the disaster in the Philippines and Crisis at Christmas from money collected at our November and December Coffee and Company. We make no charge for these coffee mornings and people are very generous.

At our December Coffee and Company we encouraged all who came to take a small candle away with them and a prayer card which suggested lighting the candle on Christmas Eve and if possible placing it in a window. The simple prayer on the card was for family, neighbours and the village.

At most of our services we include prayers for those known to us who are in special need be it through illness, bereavement, loneliness or other reason. Wanting to extend this we took pots of tête-à-tête daffodils or a small primula in bloom to people for whom we had prayed. Each of us visited just one or two people and we were received with surprise, pleasure and emotion. We intend to repeat this next Christmas. Thank you to Mary for organising all the pots of flowers and the attractive gift labels.

Janet Sheldon

Christian Aid Community Partnership

By the end of 2013, with the proceeds from the Roose Soup Lunch and the Beacon Hill Quiz in November and various Christmas activities such as the excellent “Nativities R Us” at Dalton and the generosity of Praise Group members in making donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards to each other, the total has now risen to a splendid £3739-10 - very nearly three-quarters of the way there! Please note Dalton’s next planned event on February 15th. If your spring church meeting decides to do something for the project, please let me know so that the event can be publicised and we can avoid date clashes as far as possible.

Hazel Edmondson



Is Your Home Cold In Winter?

Would you like to benefit from a FREE home energy check including

- Free bespoke advice on saving energy
- Free equipment, such as draught excluders and radiator foils (up to the value of £85)
- Free advice on how to access other support in winter, such as grants?

If you are over 50, an owner occupier, and have not had such a check done before, then apply to Age UK to check if you fit the criteria for this free test. Offer ends March 1st.

Contact: Age UK Barrow and District, Lakeland House, Barrow. Tel 831425

Individual Churches

Trinity

Normal monthly Coffee Morning 1st February. There will also be a Stork Sale on that morning, both beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a quiz night on Fri. 21st February preceded by a pie and peas supper, starting at 6:00p.m.
Family News: Once again we have to announce the deaths of two of our members. Marjorie Clark was a member of Hawcoat Methodist Church until it amalgamated with Abbey and then Emmanuel to become Trinity. She was a Sunday School teacher at Hawcoat and we at Trinity will remember the Soup and Slide Evenings she did with Wilf Warriner. Marjorie sang in the choir for many years and attended Women on Wednesday until she felt that coming out at night was too much for her. She attended Church regularly until about six weeks before her death. Our thoughts and prayers go to Judith and the family at this time.

Maureen Dodd was also a former member of Hawcoat and came to Trinity when they joined Abbey and Emmanuel. Maureen was a very gentle quiet person who attended regularly, but did not take part in any other church activities. She was very family orientated and was proud of the achievements of her boys - Russell and Hedley. She bought her grandson Matthew to church with her for a while and both were staunch supporters of JMA. We will remember her husband Don and family in our prayers.

Margaret Mauvel

Trinity Prayer - We meet in the lower meeting room at Trinity each Friday morning between 8:50 and 9:30am to pray; each week we give time to one of the United Area churches, and a set of streets, as well as other prayer concerns. If you have any prayer concerns or things you wish to be prayed for, please contact Janet/Alan Ladds (833882) so we can add them to the prayer book.

07/02/2014	Ramsden Street	Street 'Y'
14/02	Urswick	'CTIB'
21/02	Dalton	'A'
28/02	Askam	'B'

Janet Ladds

Beacon Hill

Beacon Hill plans to hold the "You, Me and Afternoon Tea" sessions Monday March 3rd, 10th and 17th 2 - 4 p.m. These will follow the outlines "Keep safe", "Keep active" and "Keep thinking" and all will close with afternoon tea. We hope that this will not only interest our own members but be a form of outreach in the community.

Elaine Pears

Hartington St

Update from the Hub @Hartington St: At the beginning of 2014 we would like to thank Church members and friends from the United Area for their continued support of Hartington St and the Hub.

The last four months have seen the beginnings of exciting new projects at the Hub. After a slow start in early 2013 the pace was set with a very successful opening event on 30th June followed with the opening of a very popular and now well established Parent and Toddler group in the summer months. Since September things have developed quickly with a regular weekly Chat and Play session and a weekly after school club in the form of Xcite both becoming established and increasingly used by the local community. Alongside this Dadzone has now met 3 times. Two very popular "Discovery" Churches (Hartington Street's take on Messy Church) have taken place followed by a Christmas Party afternoon in December. All have been well attended with between 30 and 40 (parents and children) local people at each - we would struggle to accommodate or feed any more!

Mike has also worked hard to develop schools work in local primaries and leads regular assemblies in Ramsden Infants, has been working with teachers in RE lessons and will be leading a weekly school based after school club from March. Plans are also in place for a holiday club based at Hartington Street at Easter and a second one at Ramsden Infants in the summer holiday and potentially a summer street party alongside developing existing groups and broadening the scope of Mike's work.

We would like to thank Church members and members of the United Area Churches for their financial support through pledges and practical support through volunteering in particular at Discovery Church. An enormous amount has been achieved, completely new community work is developing and relationships forming - the Hub @Hartington Street is becoming a feature of the community. However, although an awful lot has been achieved in the first few months under Mike's leadership with a limited number of volunteers supporting him we need to ensure we can sustain and develop the project. We would ask that you continue to pray for Hartington Street as we move forward, maintain your pledge support or consider pledging £2.00 per week (contact Dave Edmondson or Mark Mills to do this) and we also appeal for volunteers to give time (perhaps once a month) to support and sustain the Church's mission in Hindpool in the longer term.

Mark Mills

Café Worship: The café worship team broke new ground on the eve of Epiphany by hosting a praise party. A variety of games, excellent food and a highly amusing Epiphany hat competition together with live music from Pew 2, the resident group, kept a lively group of party goers entertained. At the close of the evening the